

**REGULAR SESSION   RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS   DECEMBER 2, 2013**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, December 2, 2013 with Commissioners, Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Mark Bacon made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16th as presented. . Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CUSTODIAL CONTRACT**

Commissioner Bruce Levi reported that he will be meeting with Gilliam Janitorial Service to configure the custodial contract for 2014.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Terri Nigh representing the Rush County Health Department presented the four board members recommended for reappointment by the Local Health Officer. They are as follows: Dr. Russell Daugherty, Dr. Jamie Morgan, Gregg Pratt, and Dr. Fred Phillips. Ken Masters moved to approve the appointments and Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RALEIGH EMS**

Verlin Custer on behalf of the Raleigh EMS Service revisited the issue of a long term contract in order to purchase a new ambulance for the department. Commissioner Levi responded that the County could not commit at this time and that contracts will be awarded on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**COURT RENOVATION**

Judge David Northam presented a proposal from Architura, an architectural firm from Indianapolis, scoping a long range plan for the courthouse and the jail in the amount of \$35,000. Northam who had shared this quote with the council emphasized the issues of security and functionality for the courthouse. Commissioner Bruce Levi stated the need to follow up with the architect since a study is already being prepared for the jail. County resident Tom Monger urged the commissioners not to go overboard with security.

**MILROY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP**

Milroy EDC represented by Bob Jackman proposed a TIF district at the intersection of State Roads 3 and 244. Since Rush County currently does not have a redevelopment commission, Jim Shanahan of the law firm Shanahan and Shanahan drafted an agreement for the Commissioners to sign the duties and powers of the new TIF district to Rushville City Redevelopment Commission. Shanahan gave a description of the area encompassing four parcels. The fiscal impact was not available. Commissioner Masters questioned county representation on the redevelopment commission but was informed that statute defines only city

members on the board. Current board members are John McCane, John Pavey, Ron Linneman, Mark Haas, and Steve Sickbert with Grant Reeves serving as Counsel. Commissioner Levi questioned conflict of interest with one of the parcels considered to be owned by Paveys and John Pavey being a member of the Redevelopment Commission and the connection with the Mayor. It was agreed that the agreement would be amended to take into consideration when and if the county forms a redevelopment commission of its own. A motion to table until the December 16<sup>th</sup> was offered by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ECDC**

John McCane, Rush County ECDC director submitted a letter for signature supporting the Industrial Commerce Corridor LPA project by the Indiana Department of Transportation. This is an 80/20 match funded by TIF dollars for both phases of the Cherry St. project. Ken Masters moved to sign the letter. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **MAYOR PAVEY**

First Mayor Pavey addressed the proposal to extend Rails to Trails from Rushville to Homer. Information from the Department of Natural Resources claims there is no affect the county's insurance. The Mayor stated that Brad Berkemeier has comprised a list of all parcels being considered. No action was taken at this time.

Pavey then commended the Area Plan Commission for hiring Kevin Tolloty as their director. The city would like to see a joint planning and building department. The Mayor stressed the need for the city to have a building inspector and updated services such as on line permits and applications. This could be accomplished through the county Area Plan Office or the city may need to create their own.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 43 inmates. The merit board would be meeting for final interview for Sheriff Deputy. The meeting has been moved from the Courthouse due to the Madrigal Dinner.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Leigh Morning presented a Business Associates Agreement for BAS, the county's third party administrator for health insurance. Motion to sign the agreement was offered by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

### **AUDITOR**

- EMS runs were reviewed from Raleigh, and Anderson Twp.
- Bills to Umbaugh and Barnes & Thornburg for Nordic are being paid by EDIT funds.

## **2014 APPOINTMENTS**

- Alcoholic Beverage Commission-2 applicants. Mark Bacon moved to appoint Josh Dwenger. Ken Masters seconded.
- County Attorney-3 applicants. Ken Masters moved to re-appoint Leigh Morning. Mark Bacon seconded.
- Emergency Management Director-1 applicant. Mark Bacon moved to appoint Chuck Kemker. Ken Masters seconded.
- Highway Superintendent-1 applicant. Ken Masters moved to re-appoint Jerry Sitton . Mark Bacon seconded.
- 911 Board-1 applicant. Mark Bacon moved to appoint Ron Jarman. Ken Masters seconded the motion.
- Fiber Board-1 applicant. Mark Bacon moved to appoint Julie Jessup. Ken Masters seconded.
- Veteran Service Officer-1 applicant. Ken Masters moved to appoint Steve Land. Mark Bacon seconded.

Commissioners to serve on the following boards:

APC-Mark Bacon

Health Insurance & Personnel Committee-Bruce Levi

Workforce Development & ECDC-Ken Masters

The appointments to the Public Defender Board and the Hospital Board will be named on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Claims were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Payroll was approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon  
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters  
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard  
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor